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C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 1195

FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, OAU, SF, SHUM, EFIN, TO  
SUBJECT: TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG DURING MAY 16-21 MAPUTO MEETING ON ZIMBABWE

1. FOREIGN MINISTER EDEM KODJO PLANS TO ATTEND MAPUTO  
MEETING ON SOUTHERN AFRICA TO BE SPONSORED BY OAU AND UN  
MAY 16-21. HE UNDERSTANDS YOU WILL ATTEND MEETING AND HAS  
ASKED ME TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF HAVING  
AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION THERE.

2. COMMENT: KODJO IS TALL, SLEEK, 38-YEAR OLD,  
INFLUENTIAL ADVISER OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA. HE IS AN  
EXPERIENCED POLITICIAN HAVING ORGANIZED FOR PRESIDENT  
EYADEMA TOGO'S SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY THE RASSEMBLEMENT DU  
PEUPLE TOGOLAIS. BEFORE BECOMING FOREIGN MINISTER,  
HE WAS FINANCE MINISTER (1973-76). HE IS HIGHLY RE-  
GARDED BY FRENCH AND IS REPORTEDLY ON EASY TERMS WITH  
GISCARD. AS A GRADUATE OF ELITE FRENCH ECOLE NORMAL  
D'ADMINISTRATION, HE HAS CONSIDERABLE PRESTIGE  
AMONG HIS FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COLLEAGUES. HE  
WAS PRO-TEM CHAIRMAN OF MARCH OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
MEETING IN LOME AND REPRESENTED PRESIDENT EYADEMA AT CAIRO  
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AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. HE IS TOUGH AND CLEVER AND  
INTERESTED IN IMPROVING US-TOGOLESE AND US-AFRICAN  
RELATIONS. HE IS INTRIGUED BY EVOLVING US HUMAN RIGHTS  
POLICY. HIS ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE BUT RUSTY. A  
RELAXED TALK WITH HIM MIGHT PROVIDE INTERESTING INSIGHTS  
AND WOULD INSURE TRANSMISSION OF ADMINISTRATION VIEWS TO  
AN INFLUENTIAL AUDIENCE. (ECOWAS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MEETING SCHEDULED IN LOME IN LATE JUNE.) RECOMMEND  
YOU MEET WITH HIM, IF POSSIBLE.  
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